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# Condo owners free of tar baby

After seven years, Millpointe residents can sell their homes

By IVAN HELFMAN  
MCN Staff Writer

The nightmare is over for 332 homeowners at Millpointe Condominiums. After seven years of waiting, they will finally be able to obtain certificates of occupancy, which will allow them to sell their homes.

Permanent certificates of occupancy weren't issued because the development never obtained final site plan approval. Only the issuance of temporary certificates enabled the homeowners to move in.

Without approved site plans, homeowners weren't able to improve their properties because it was unclear what they owned.

"People are languishing without their certificate of occupancies," said Councilman Trav Griffin. "They have problems selling and they can't do what they need to do with their property."

The problem stemmed from the original site plan. Wayne back in 1989, when Millpointe was carelessly approved, the plan called for condominiums with common property ownership outside the walls of each unit. Within the walls, homeowners individually owned the property.

"The housing market was quiet then," explained Planning Director Todd Kilroy, who was hired long after the Millpointe debacle. "We encouraged them to proceed to bring in new residential development."

Despite posting a performance bond, Crosswind, the developers, took their time completing the project, going

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particularly slow on recreation area and parking spaces, generating complaints from the homeowners association. Before too much time dragged on, the association hired attorney Douglas Alexander to spur on Crosswinds.

"I represent 300 condominium associations," he said. "About a dozen of them have issues with Crosswinds. At least here in Westland we didn't have to file a lawsuit."

All he had to do was wait seven years for Crosswinds to finish supplying the city with a final site plan.

During the wait, Crosswinds changed plans so homeowners could change the units to site condominiums, allowing homeowners to own their lot envelopes — the property around their homes. Roads and green areas are still commonly owned.

Despite two lawsuits provoked by the development, the Westland City Council approved the new site plan Monday night, urged on by Alexander and Kilroy.

"If you don't approve it, you will be punishing innocent people who bought in," he said.

"Our objective was to get finished," said Kilroy.

To get Crosswinds finished, it took the intervention of David Jakokes, former Van Buren Township supervisor.

"The outstanding issues, not the bond, caused us to complete it," he said.

"How did this happen?" asked Council President Sandra Cicirelli. Nobody could explain; however, Jakokes apologized for Crosswinds' incredible delay.

The approved site plan also solved a safety problem created by an access road for fire engines, ambulances, and police cars.

After the breakable barriers disappeared, the road turned into a miniature speedway carrying 200 cars a day past about 100 elementary school pupils who travel along the path to school. Cars whizzed by at 40-50 mph, claimed Tim O'Neil, who lives next to Millpointe.

To eliminate the illegal traffic, the condominium association agreed to post warning signs and to enforce the ban, since police refrain from enforcing most traffic laws on private roads.

Though the site plan was finally approved, the city is still not free of Crosswinds. Last month they were included with Crosswinds as a defendant in a lawsuit.

However, City Attorney Angelo Plakas said that he has filed a motion to dismiss the suit, and seemed confident that the city would prevail.

# Johnson makes last call for help to save Sassafra

By IVAN HELFMAN  
MCN Staff Writer

"I need bodies to save Sassafra," said Chuck Johnson. Johnson, who fears that the quality of Westland's Sassafra Trails Nature Preserve may have gone done the drain when the city recently agreed to allow Wayne County to vacant the Old Perrin Drain, urged residents to show up at a public hearing scheduled about the drain.

The hearing, which will be conducted by the Wayne County Drain Commission at 2 p.m., February 10, at City Hall,

will sound out residents' opinions about the abandonment of the drain to Galaxy Builders.

Galaxy developed the 54-lot Wildwood Manor subdivision on the old Wilson School property before the drain was vacated. The 13.5-acre subdivision included 3.2 acres of wooded land, which some Sassafra Trails supporters claimed was part of the nature preserve.

"Logically, the city council should not have approved the subdivision's site plan until the drain had been vacated," said Johnson.

Johnson is trying to prevent abandonment of the Old Perrin Drain, hoping to get it flowing again into Sassafra Trails' woods. He believes that the water flow is necessary for woodland plants and animals.

He also hopes to persuade authorities the former drain was a protected natural water course, based on a February 1998 letter from the Wayne County Commission. However, his hopes were dashed when the drain commission disallowed the letter and Galaxy paved over the drain to develop their approved sub.

# Patterson vice chair of House Ethics Committee

Speaker Chuck Perricone on Thursday named state Rep. Bruce Patterson as vice chair of the powerful Constitutional Law and Ethics standing committee.

The Canton Township Republican is extremely pleased with the appointment.

"I'm still getting over the excitement from being elected associate speaker pro-tem earlier this year," Patterson said. "I look forward to meeting with fellow committee members as soon as possible and getting a head start."

House Republicans decreased the number of committees this session from 28 to 22 to speed the legislative process.

Patterson also was named to the committees on Tax Policy, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation, and Transportation. He worked as a Wayne County commissioner since January 1995, as one of only three Republicans on the 15-member board.

"My background in county government will be valuable in the coming months as we enact policies helpful to Michigan families," Patterson said.

Constituents are encouraged to call Patterson at (517) 373-2572 or write P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, with any questions or concerns.

# Volunteers honored

Canton senior Ron Lieberman has been selected as one of the ten winners from Michigan of the 1998 Citizens Insurance Senior Awards. The tenth annual program drew "outstanding senior volunteer" nominations from all over the state.

In recognition, Citizens Insurance has given Lieberman a \$500 award, as well as contributed \$500 to the Canton Community Foundation's Senior Fund on his behalf. The Citizens Insurance Senior

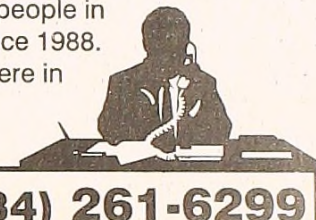
Awards program recognizes seniors who have made significant volunteer contributions in their communities.

Lieberman serves on Canton's Planning Commission, and is active in many other organizations around the Canton community, including the Chamber of Commerce, Canton Project ARTS, and the Plymouth Theater Guild.

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PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 10, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111.

This Public Hearing relates to parcel number V-125-83-061-99-0005-004, comprising 42.54 acres. This property is located on the south side of Tyler Road between Quirk and Belleville Road.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren RM (Multiple Dwelling Residential) Zoning District. The applicant purposes to establish three hundred thirty-six (336) attached condominium units. All proposed units will have two bedrooms. These proposed residential dwellings are subject to Special Use Approval as required by Section 8.03.d. of the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the American Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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This Public Hearing relates to the following proposed amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren to add Single Family Residential Districts and add architectural and design standards applicable to site condominiums and subdivision developments in Single Family Residential Districts.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available in the Department of Developmental Services. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS  
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS  
BID 99-02

POLICE VEHICLE CHANGEOVER EQUIPMENT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Service Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., February 23, 1999. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

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BID 99-02  
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## Medical supplies for Nicaragua sought by Wayne congregation

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

A dedicated band of 23 medical students from Grand Rapids University, who recently spent more than a week helping out in hurricane-plagued Nicaragua is planning to return to the stricken Central American country in March.

They hope to bring as much medical supplies as possible with them. Persons, who wish to donate funds or medical supplies can drop them off at the First Congregational Church of Wayne -- 2 Towne Square in Wayne. The church office is open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Local coordinator Charles Pittman said critically needed items include multi-vitamins with iron, generic Ibuprofen, peroxide, iodine, bandages, toothpaste, tooth brushes, personal soap products and similar items.

The Wayne church was notified of the medical students' plan by Kenneth W. Gottman, senior pastor of the Mayflower Congregational Church of Grand Rapids, back in December.

The Mayflower church has already invested \$25,000 in the group's efforts, Pittman explained, and they had asked the Wayne church to provide sleeping arrangements for the students on the night of Jan. 17.

The local congregation took an extra step in faith and instead of setting up sleeping facilities on the floor of the church, invited the students into their homes for the night.

They were also given full dinners that night and continental breakfasts the following morning and then were promptly transported to Detroit Metro Airport.

The group returned on Jan. 26 and representatives of that medical unit have been asked to speak at a later church meeting.

In the meantime, the Congregational Church is seeking to aid the medical package the group brings back to Nicaragua with them in March. For more information on how other Christians can get involved call 734-729-7550.

Friday fish fries are slated every Friday evening at **St. Aloysius Church**, 37200 Neville road in Romulus. The Lenten dinners will begin Feb. 19 and continue through March 26. Menu items include: fish, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for senior citizens and \$3 for children under 10.

For more information call 734-941-3340.

The **St. Anthony Youth Group** is preparing Lenten meals to raise money for their pilgrimage to the World Youth Day in Rome in the year 2000.

The meals will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 26 (pierogis); March 12 (vegetable chili) and March 26 (vegetable lasagne). The site is the Father Folta Building at St. Anthony Church, 409 W. Columbia ave., Belleville.

The cost is \$5 per person and \$15 per family.

A songfest is slated for 6 p.m. Sunday at the **Praise Chapel Church of God**, 32747 Grand Traverse in Westland.

Special songs and dance presentations will be performed by congregation members from Wayne, Westland, Plymouth and Livonia.

The program is being arranged by Pastor Travis Goff and Productions Director

Cindy Goins.

The Praise Chapel was formerly located in Plymouth.

The **Methodist Children's Home** of Detroit is currently in search of foster families.

"If you love children and have the ability and willingness to provide food, shelter, clothing, stability, guidance and discipline to young children in need, call Philomena at 313-531-4156.

A roast beef dinner is slated at the **Community United Methodist Church** of Romulus from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 13. Take out orders can be arranged by calling 734-941-0736.

The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for those 12 to five years of age and those under five will be served free.

A series of special programs will be telecast this month *On Main Street* offered by the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Comedian Steve Allen and his wife, Jayne Meadows, will be interviewed this week to show that true marriages are still made in heaven. The couple will share stories about their 44 years of marriage and stress "How to Stay Married."

Next week, Debbie Morris, author of *Forgiving the Dead Man Walking*, will discuss how she forgave a man who tried to end her life. Her talk will be shown on the episode entitled *Forgiving the Unforgivable*.

During the week of Feb. 21, the daughter of *Penthouse* publisher Larry Flynt (Tonya Flynt-Vega) will explore the addicting dangers of pornography.

On the last week of the month, Jaime Lyn Bauer, who plays Laura Horton on *Days of Our Lives* will share her testimony and highlight techniques that can rid a marriage of

problems.

Call Lutheran Hour Ministries at 800-944-3450 to receive a free copy of the quarterly publication *Broadcast Guide* that outlines the times and TV stations the series is carried on.

A four evening seminar seeking to stimulate communication between parents and teens will continue next Tuesday night at the **Ball Road Tabernacle Church** of Romulus.

According to the Rev. Neil Swanger, church pastor, the seminar has been set up for either both parents in a family or a single parent and seeks to give those adults new tools to improve informal talks around the home.

Swanger said the program outlines different adult and teenage temperaments and how to use that knowledge to improve communication skills and eliminate any communication gaps that have already occurred in local homes.

Swanger is assisted by Ann Sherman, a Taylor school teacher who also has a Masters' degree in psychology.

The church is located at 7007 Ball Road, just off Ecorse road and one block east of Merriman road in Romulus.

The cost for the seminar series is only \$10 per person for printed materials.

The remaining sessions are slated for 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday in February (Feb. 9, 16 and 23). For more information call 734-722-9638 and leave a message.

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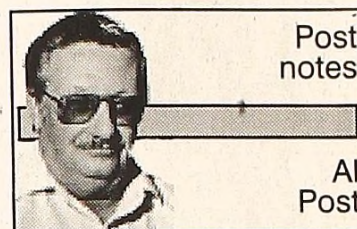
## Shame..no security for today's unborn

It is a sad testimonial for today's society that so little media coverage and public reaction occurred last month, when First Lady Hillary Clinton announced plans to offer massive financial aid to add security to America's abortion factories.

It almost seemed that there was a collective yawn by both print and video journalists while unveiling the story on the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade court decision.

That factor alone seems to add credence to the claim that sometime in the future American society will wake up and ask their elders: where were you when the 35 million American unborn -- or what ever number this tragedy escalates to -- were eliminated from this nation's lifestyle?

The sad rejoinder to Hillary's comments are..."oh



great...now our abortion clinics will be safe -- except for unborn children."

While I don't expect to be around in the year 2020 -- I expect society's moral and social vision to improve to that symbolic eye doctor's medical examination number (20/20) and hopefully the U.S. Supreme Court also will guarantee -- with full legal support -- that same security to the unborn.

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# Seniors on the move

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## Paczki Day slated

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Sweet-tooth Canton residents are urged to get their reservations in quickly for the annual Paczki Day event at the Senior Center at the Summit on the Park on Feb. 16.

Reservations need to be called in at 397-5444 to take part in the fat-filled treats offered from 9 to 11 a.m. that day in the Oak Multi-Use Room.

Senior program extend an open invitation to local seniors to "come and join us in enjoying a hot cup of coffee and a super-donut."

*Silver Threads*, the Canton Senior Center's official publication, will take on a new look in March with an eight-page publication (including a two page calendar).

Any comments on the publication should be forwarded to the senior staff.

Free tax counseling -- sponsored by the AARP -- has begun in the Parkview Room at the Summit and will continue through April 13.

Reservations are needed and can be arranged by calling 397-5444.

Arrangements can also be made for home visits to the homebound.

The 16th annual St. Patrick's Day Party for Canton senior citizens will be held from noon to 4 p.m. March 17 in the banquet area of the Summit.

The event will begin at noon with a special buffet lunch and a cash bar.

Entertainer Johnny Chase will return to provide live music for singing and dancing.

In addition Bridget and Maura Mulcahy will be on hand to provide traditional Irish dancing and other entertainment.

Tickets cost \$8 for township residents and \$12 for non-residents and will be available through March 12.

There also will be door prizes and awards for those "wearin the green."

Two trips this month are planned to the new Gem theatre for the show *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!* and to the Jiffy Mix Tour in Chelsea.

The theatre trip is slated for 12:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at a cost of \$25.

The Chelsea trip will leave at 9:45 a.m. Feb. 24. Cost is \$37 and includes a lunch.

Both trips are open to local residents and non-residents.



### Five generations

The recent birth of Alyssa Monique Wright inspired the taking of this photo of five generations. Holding the infant is her great-great grandfather Adelou Taylor of Detroit. Joining in the photo is great-grandfather Donald Taylor of Romulus, grandfather Donald Taylor Jr. of Taylor and mother, Maria of Taylor. MCN Special Photo

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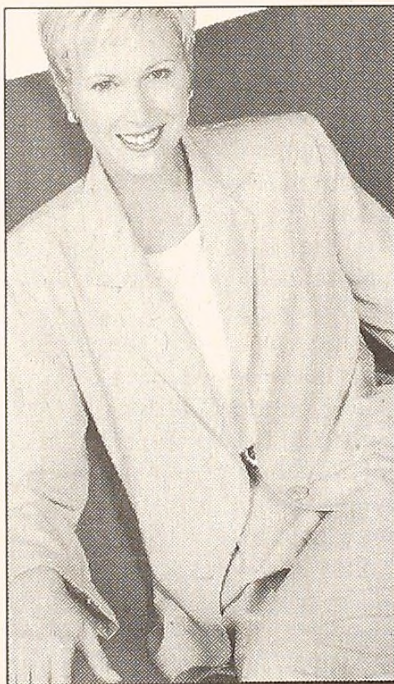
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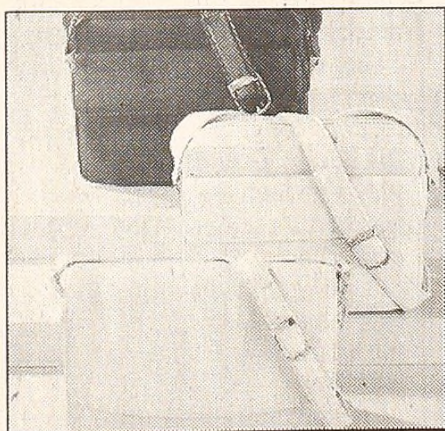
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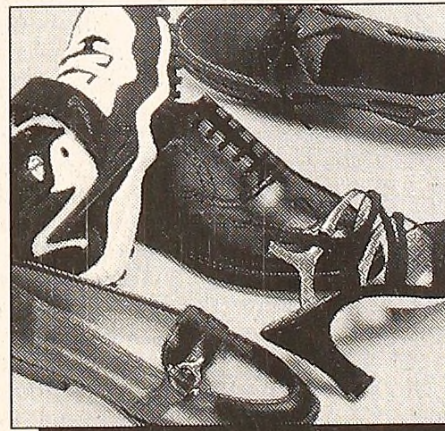
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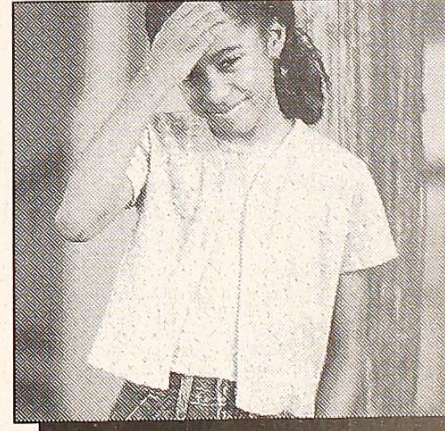
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And, like everyone else, I'm sick and tired about the impeachment hoopla, and would prefer talking potholes, specifically who can find the biggest and most grotesque. That's right, Michigan Community Newspapers would like to reward the lucky reader who provides us with photo proof of the biggest pothole in Western Wayne. For it we will pay a C-note, one-hundred dollars cash.

Why? Quite simply potholes are appearing everywhere. Just last week I spent several hours driving Western Wayne roads in a new Silverado pick-up. I was test-driving the vehicle in an effort to see how it would handle the ugly conditions. Trust me, no truck, including the most sophisticated Land Rover or Hummer could navigate Western Wayne back roads and return without some kind of alignment problems.

Potholes for instance on Treadwell in the City of Wayne were so numerous I had trouble staying on the gravel road, and I was only traveling 10 miles an hour. Back roads in Canton were equally challenging. In one mile stretch I counted nearly 900 potholes, and these were big holes, not the mud puddle variety.

But I haven't been everywhere and I haven't destroyed a tire or rim like many people are reporting. If my Silverado is out of alignment the manufacturer will fix it, unlike many of you who will have to

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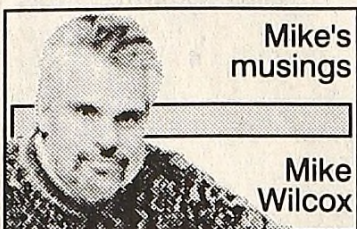
For someone, it can be just the ticket for much needed vehicle repairs. We promise to publicize the location and severity of most of the potholes. We also will make sure MDOT and local road authorities get the scoop on the published information. Obviously the goal is to get the potholes fixed as soon as possible.

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Take it from me, a guy that still thinks word processing is a computer's main function, the MCN website is as appealing an attractive as the printed version. If you get the opportunity please check us out.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



## Theater belongs in a theater district

A 700-seat performing arts hall has been proposed for the outer edge of sprawling Canton Township.

The state of Michigan kicked in \$28,000 for the Canton Community Foundation to hire consultants to plan the hall, which will present concerts, plays and performances, and which will offer music, dance and theater classes.

Canton Township is tossing another \$2 million to help build the \$8 million auditorium.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools offered to lease the site at Joy and Beck roads for \$1 a year. The land is next to a proposed high school. (The lease was offered because if the schools kept the land, alcoholic beverages could not be served inside.)

The public is being asked to contribute the remaining \$6 million. A nonprofit committee was formed by the Canton Community Foundation to raise the money.

The performing arts center will be part of Canton Supervisor Tom Yack's goal of "reinventing recreation" in the township.

Being a reactionary, I would settle for a traditional performing arts center I long for the old days - long before *Cats* - when it was common for ordinary people to go to the theater to check out the latest Tennessee Williams play. Or when symphony orchestras had a relatively large paying audience.

Call me old fashioned, but I saw a lot of good in the performing arts and want to support them in Canton.

Unfortunately, the proposed



Ivan Helfman

performing arts center faces bad odds in Canton because of official Canton's hostility to the arts, contrary to the ordinary residents' embrace of the arts.

I know from firsthand experience that the Canton Mafia is hostile to skilled performing artists.

Having a talented musician for a daughter, I've encouraged her to reach out to the public for token support for her tour of Europe with the Blue Lake International Orchestra this summer - sort of a way to integrate her talent with the community. The idea was for her to offer service clubs Breakfast With Bach. In return they could donate \$50 or \$100 toward her expenses in Europe. Upon her return, she would share her experiences and treat them to another concert.

Her efforts were rewarded in Westland from generous music-loving seniors at the Friendship Center. In Livonia, from the city's youth symphony. From Farmington Hills' Musicale, she received a very generous donation.

She even receives support from Detroit, where she plays with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, probably the youngest musician in that world-class pre-professional orchestra.

But in Canton, my hometown, she doesn't exit except as a target for false promises. When we approached the township's bossy culture cultures, they treated her - then 12 - dishonestly. (I'll spare you the story.)

From my experience, I expect performing artists to face a bureaucratic hostility in Canton.

Almost as bad, the performing arts center will be defeated by the township's penchant for poor planning.

Theaters only seem to work in a theater district, such as the performing arts theater in Royal Oak or the professional theater in Chelsea.

Located on an asphalt pod at the edge of town, who would want to go to it? Perhaps parents of student performers - but that's it.

If Canton wants a theater, it must create a theater district to put it in - a pedestrian setting near coffee houses and restaurants.

Otherwise, Canton will make the same mistake it made with the Summit when it did not merge it into closer into the civic center in a mixed zoning setting - in a civilized setting. How ironic that the Summit, the *Summit* of local modern architecture, is the *nadir* of community planning.

Performing arts are necessary for civilization. Until Canton civilizes its sprawling strip center-infested roads and unites neighborhoods with a municipal core, it will never be civilized enough for a French restaurant, let alone a performing arts center.



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**Dear Ms. M.:** I don't always like or admire the people I help. In your case, I'll provide assistance because the alternative-another child born out of wedlock-is too high of a consequence for me to live with. Expect my \$325 any day-I only hope it doesn't come a minute too late.

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## SPORTS

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# Down by 17 at half, Wayne rallies to beat Romulus

## Henry: 'Not many 2-8 teams would have the resolve to fight back'

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial made believers out of skeptics Friday night.

Down by 17 points at the half, and failing to put a single point on the scoreboard the entire second period, Wayne then completed an about face and rallied to a 54-51 victory over visiting Romulus.

It was one of those classics that neither coach or fans will soon forget.

"How many 2-8 teams would have the resolve to come back and play the way our kids did?" asked Wayne Memorial coach Chuck Henry after the game. "It was a great victory for us, against a team like Romulus."

Romulus had beaten a very talented Monroe team two nights before encountering Wayne.

The Eagles, with Daryl Mason and Kevin Thomas, providing the ammunition, jumped on Wayne 16-13 in the first period and as the hosts suddenly froze and couldn't even make easy layups in the second period, the visitors took ad-

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vantage and soared to a 30-13 advantage at halftime.

Whether he read the riot act or not to his players during intermission, no one knows, but Henry apparently got his message across to his players.

With Jamar Davis, joined by Rod Burge and Robert Price, cut into the Eagles' lead and after three Wayne was down by only four (34-30). Though Romulus scored the first basket of the final quarter, Davis responded and that set the tone for the final eight minutes.

The lead exchanged hands sev-

en times before Davis' three successful free throws wrapped it up for the Zebras.

Davis finished with 18 points, the game's high. And for the first time this season Wayne had three players in double figures. Joining Davis were Burge and Price. Each had 11.

Mason and Thomas split 24 points down the middle.

Wayne returned to the Red Division trail Tuesday night and traveled to Ypsilanti. Henry and the Zebras will entertain undefeated River Rouge on Friday.



A year ago, Belleville found the magic in the playoffs that lifted them to the Class A state finals. This year, with most of the players back, Tiger fans are wondering if it could happen again.

## Salem stretches streak to 11 wins

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

With everyone gunning for them, Plymouth-Salem continues to elude the loss column.

After 11 games, the Rocks are unbeaten.

Coach Bob Brodie's undefeated Rocks continue to roll to an unprecedented "perfect" regular season as they eliminated a dangerous Farmington from their paths Friday night.

With "old reliables" Aaron

*Coach Bob Brodie's undefeated Rocks continue to roll to an unprecedented "perfect" regular season as they eliminated a dangerous Farmington from their paths Friday*

Rypkowski and Tonny Jancevski showing the way, the Rocks posted a 46-38 victory over Farmington that saw both defenses playing an extra cautious game.

The victory stretched Salem's winning streak to 11 on the year, and even Brodie had difficulty recalling when, if ever, any of his past teams put together 11 straight wins.

Rypkowski walked off the floor with 11 points, good enough for individual team scoring honors.

Aaron's teammates Jancevski and Ron Jones each tallied 10 points.

On the other side of the ledger, Farmington receive 13 points from Justin Arus, who scored a game high 13 points.

In the meantime, Plymouth-Canton has apparently recovered from its doldrums and beat a hapless Livonia Franklin by 17 points.

With the Chiefs' top-scorers Mike Major and Jason Weidmann leading the way, the Chiefs trounced Franklin 57-40 in a Western Lakes Conference game.

Major and Weidmann split 24 points evenly between them to emerge as the Chiefs' leading scorer. However, the game's individual scoring leader was Franklin's Dustin Kuras who had 15.

Franklin is suffering a humiliating victory drought. For the first time in recent years the Patriots have failed to win in their first 10 starts. They are also 0-5 in the conference.



Veteran coach Chuck Henry (above) has been involved in some wild games, but Friday night's encounter with Romulus was one for the record books. First, his team failed to score a point in the second period (that has never happened before) and then the Zebras came back after being down by 17 to beat visiting Romulus.

## Bedford wins Inkster title

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Pre-tournament favorite Temperance-Bedford put together a lineup that consisted of both its "A" and "B" teams, and the combination was strong enough to win the 1999 Inkster Wrestling Invitational on Saturday.

Although Grosse Ile managed to produce more gold medalists than the team champion, Bedford had enough - just barely - enough points to surface with the first-place trophy.

The Mules amassed 203 points, edging Lincoln Park, which had 199, for top tournament honors.

"It was a great meet and it was a close one," said Inkster coach Sam Ellis, who noted that the "on-

ly disappointment was the overall performance of my team. We finished 13th in a field of 17 teams."

Grosse Ile piled up the third best point total (176.5), followed, in order, by Troy (159.5), Dearborn Edsel Ford (145.5), Dearborn (131.0), Ypsilanti Lincoln (91), Waterford Kettering (89), Carlson (84), River Rouge (75) and Waterford Mott (75) tied for 10 and 11th places; Woodhaven (69), Inkster (66), Riverview (63), Memphis (54), Willow Run (44), and Highland Park (4).

Inkster was represented in the winner's circle by heavyweight Robert Jackson, who finished second in his weight class. Jackson was pinned in the finals by Lin-

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## Rockets soar to 4th straight hoop victory

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

This definitely is a season of surprises for Westland John Glenn basketball fans.

After suffering through the early stages of a dismal season where they dropped four of their first six games, the Rockets have soared back to win four straight.

Glenn's latest hoop victims are Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson - both Western Lakes Conference opponents and that means the Rockets are back.

And, with undefeated Plymouth-Salem remaining on the schedule, Glenn could find themselves in the race for the title.

But, for now, they can shoot at stretching their streak to six as coach Mike Schuette's Rockets square off with winless Livonia Franklin (Tuesday night) and will face Farmington on the road on

*Glenn put Churchill away early.*

Friday.

Glenn put Churchill away early.

The Rockets got down to business in the first period as Ben Harris, Eric Jones and Ty Haygood came out shooting. Harris staked Glenn to a 26-7 lead with six of his team-high 19 points in the opening frame. Jones had seven of his 16 and Haywood also chipped in six.

At halftime, the Westlanders enjoyed a 39-21 advantage, then came back and outscored their

visitors 24-9 in the third period to go up by 33 (63-30) for three periods.

For the first time this season the Rockets placed four starters in double figures. Bill Foder counted 11 and joined Harris, Jones and Haygood in the two figures scoring column.

The Rockets also had an outstanding evening at the free throw line where they can 17 of 21 opportunities. Churchill cashed in 21 of its points on John Bennett's efforts and Devin White added 10 for the Chiefs who also had their problems at the free throw line where they made a mere seven of 22 charities.

Glenn also led from start to finish against a Stevenson club that trailed by as much as 20 during the game. The Rockets were up 22-12 after eight minutes and

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## Canton flexes its mat muscles

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Young and bold Plymouth-Canton has begun to flex its muscles on the wrestling mats these days.

And the latest victim of Canton's show of force is none other than Farmington Harrison. Harrison fell to coach John Demsick's Chiefs 60-15 in a Western Lakes Conference dual meet last week.

"Harrison has a nice team, but they are going to need more time to get their feet off the ground," said Demsick after the meet. "We had some freshmen against freshmen match ups that will happen again."

"But I was pleased with how we responded both on and off the

*We wanted to dominate the matches, but show support for them as fellow wrestlers.*

mat in this win. At one point, one of the Harrison wrestlers hurt his ankle and couldn't get up so we all took a knee, similar to how a team would respond in football. We wanted to dominate the matches, but show support for them as fellow wrestlers."

The Chiefs received an exciting performance from Greg Muss-er, a freshman who was able to turn his more experienced oppo-

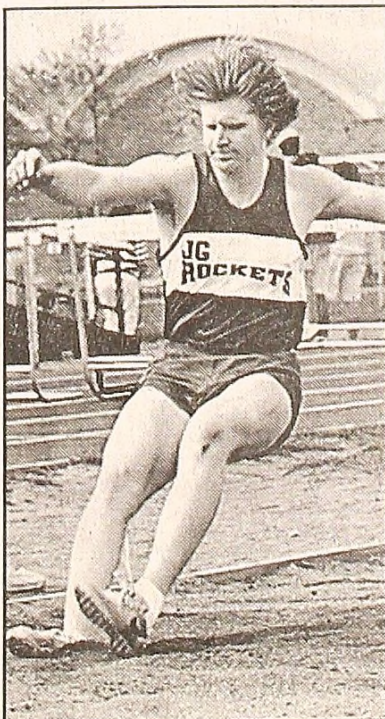
nent in the last 30 seconds of his match and win a 7-4 decision.

Also, Derek McWatt refused to be beaten and fought back and overcame a deficit to pin his opponent in 59 seconds.

The Chiefs began the week with a 3-1 record in their Western Lakes Conference division.

Here are the results of the Ply-

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Past and present John Glenn track stars should contact Coach Jess Shough.

## Glenn seeks track stars of the past

Westland John Glenn track coaches are seeking past members of the Rocket track and coaching teams.

Glenn coach Jess Shough announced last week that the track department is planning a dedication ceremony for the high school's new track and would like to have the alumni participate in this milestone program.

"And, as part of the dedication program," Shough stated, "the coaching staff is organizing an alumni meet."

The date set for the Alumni Meet is March 31.

According to the longtime Glenn and former Cherry Hill high school coach, the tentative plans for the Alumni Meet is to

stage the field events at 4 p.m., then conduct the dedication ceremony during which time former athletes and coaches will be introduced to the fans and the gathering. The running events will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Former John Glenn men and women athletes may select to compete in an event or they may opt to attend the ceremony without competing but as a spectator.

For further information, please contact Coach Jess Shough, Glenn Track Coach or John Kitchen, Women's Track coach, C/O John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, Mich. 48185.

For more information, please telephone 734-595-2300 or FAX 734-595-2338.



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coln Park's Don McKenzie, who carded his fourth fall of the tournament in 1:40.

For his outstanding performances, McKenzie also strolled off the mats with the (i)Hustler of the Tournament(r) Award. That award is presented to the wrestler who demonstrated aggressiveness and initiative on the mats.

Jackson began the tournament with a 31 second victory over his rival, Ken Macianeno of Kettering. He then pinned Harold White of Highland Park in 3:10 and reached the semis where he turned back Edsel's Jeremy Jascusch in 5:35.

A sophomore, Jackson could become one of the best in the state before he ends his prep ca-

reer.

Says Coach Ellis of his protege: "We are expecting great things from him."

Inkster also picked up a bronze medal when 119-pounder Robert Hudson defeated Riverview's James Folding, 8-2. Teammate Marlin Franklin also was awarded a medal (presented to the top eight finishers in each of the weight classes) when Marlin Franklin finished 5th at 152.

Ellis said that he felt his team wrestled below its capability.

"Our overall performance was sub par and not acceptable," he stressed. "We had kids who wrestled below their capabilities."

Inkster did not have Keith Jackson, a 175-pounder, in the lineup. Jackson was sidelined with an upper respiratory infection.

Wrestlers who won gold medals at the Inkster Invitational included: Don McKenzie (275-Lin-

coln Park), Nathan Garcia (103 - Edsel Ford), Tony Poma (112 - Bedford), Brian Kutsch (119 - Grosse Ile), Blair Arndt (125 - Grosse Ile).

Other winners are: Greg Brescol (130 - Bedford), Mike Nidiffer (135 - Woodhaven), Rob Dunningan (140 - Bedford), Brian Kacir (145 - Edsel Ford), and Mike Albarado (152 - Dearborn).

Other champs are: Jamal Bradford (160 - Willow Run), Joe Mitek (171 - Grosse Ile), Pat McCarthy (189 - Lincoln Park) and Dave Fenbert (215-Grosse Ile).

Inkster will resume Mega Conference, Blue Division today (Thursday) on the home mats against Woodhaven. Their meet against Dearborn Heights Annapolis was postponed because of a conflict in scheduling at the middle school. The two teams will clash on Feb. 9 at the high school, according to Ellis.

a void  
160 - Shahein Rajee (PC) won on a void  
171 - Rob Damsick pinned Dominic Carducci (FH), 0:40  
189 - Phil Rothwell decisioned Ian Cole (FH), 8:6  
215 - A. J. Maloni(PC) lost to Brian Doughty(FH), 8:2  
HWT - Derek McWatt pinned Francois Berrenan (FH), 0:59

# Inkster puts it all together for Woodhaven

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster took a season of frustration out on Woodhaven and jumped out to a 23-6 lead in the first period and never looked back until coach William Springer and the Vikings sealed their second victory of the basketball season, 63-42.

Springer said that he anticipated a good game because "of the way the kids were practicing all week long."

"We focused on defense and the press," Springer added. "Finally everything worked and the results were gratifying."

The Vikings, behind balanced scoring, held on at intermission 30-19 before widening the gap, 53-25, in the Mega Conference crossover game.

Inkster got a game high 18 points from Shelton Allison, who

**"We focused on defense and the press, finally everything worked and the results were gratifying."**

turned in with one of his best overall performances of the season. Teammate Michael Williams tossed in 11 points and also carded six assists while Walt Patterson also finished with 11 points and two blocked shots.

However, Inkster had problems with Muskegon Heights earlier in the week. The Heights shot back from a 16-25 first period deficit to take control, 38-24, at the intermission before going on to register a 63-54 out-of-conference

victory.

The Vikings could not buy a basket in that pivotal second period when they made only three of 15 shots.

Williams carried the team with a career high 28 points. Patterson also found his way into the double figure scoring column with 14 points and Anthony Baker chipped in with 11 points.

It will not be easy for Springer and his Vikings this week. They are scheduled to play Belleville Tuesday night, and Belleville's senior point guard C. J. Grantham has been scorching the nets. Grantham is the grandson of Inkster High athletic director, George Thompson Jr.

Then, on Friday, the Vikings will travel to Willow Run for a make-up game that was rescheduled because of the January snow storm.

# Canton

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mouth-Canton 60, Farmington Hills Harrison 15, meet, 103 - Kyle Pitt won by a void  
112 - Doy Damsick pinned Chris Yjeulon (FH), 0:41  
119 - Kevin Rodriguez pinned Steve Sargoi (FH), 1:03

125 - Greg Musser decisioned Justin Shafer (FH), 7:4  
130 - Calib Smith (FH) pinned Chris Hosey (PC), 1:50  
135 - John Pocock pinned Tom Angellela (FH), 0:35  
140 - Jake Taylor (FH) pinned Jim Shelton, 3:05  
145 - Joe Faraoni pinned Mike Cripps (FH), 1:41  
152 - Jeff Ballaire (PC) won on

# World's best lifters converge on Romulus for conference

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Some of the world's best weight lifters last week converged upon the city of Romulus to participate in the 4th annual Power Lifting Conference staged at the Wyndham Garden Hotel.

Power Lifting and nutrition were at the top of the agenda as such notable international lifters such as Mark Phillippi, the 1997 USA's Strongest Man discussed his strategy on how to strengthen the body and mind.

Other participants included: Carrie Boudreau, IPF Women's World Champion and world record holder; Horace Lane, the 1998 World Bench Press champion and world record holder; and Dr. Mauro DiPasquale, MD, who

specializes in nutrition for power and Olympic lifters. He also has trained World Wrestling Federation wrestling champs.

Ernie Frantz, the APF Power Lifting president and a world champ in his own right, also held shop at the conference.

In the meantime, Horace Lee won the International Powerlifting Federation World Championship last week in the 125-kilo or 275-pound class and set an IPF World Bench Press Record twice in doing so.

The previous record was 590-pounds.

Lee led the event from start to finish over a field of 13 other competitors.

Lee's closest rival was another American, Misi Inoke, from Salt

Lake City, who was awarded the Silver Medal.

The United States was second to Russia in overall gold medals. Lane (275) and James Henderson (SHW) were U.S.'s only gold medalists.

Silver medals were awarded Misi Inoke (275) and Leonard McCormick (198), while Dr. Larry Miller (165) came away with a bronze.

Nearly 30 countries competed in the meet.

Lane's efforts were supported through sponsorships by his fellow workers at USF Holland and Teamsters Local 299 as well as Power House Gyms, EAS, Titan Support Systems, Dr. Pasquale, and Belleville-based industrialist, C.J. Batten.

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Belleville wasted an outstanding individual performance Friday night by its senior guard C. J. Grantham against an undefeated River Rouge.

Rouge, the defending Class B state and the Mega Conference, Red Division champ, managed to overcome the Tiger guard's heroics and come out of the shoot-out with a 77-66 victory.

It was the Panthers' 11th consecutive victory, their sixth in the Red Division.

Grantham could not miss as he frustrated Rouge's defense with his drive-in lay ups. When Rouge attempted to double team the speedy guard, he opened up from long range.

C. J. finished the evening with a season high 28 points and, equally impressive, 10 assists.

But it was Rouge's All-American prep, Brent Darby, that kept the state champs in the game and out of danger. Darby drilled a game-high 35 points, a season

**C. J. finished the evening with a season high 28 points and, equally impressive, 10 assists.**

high for the Panther senior.

Rouge also collected 19 points and 15 rebounds from Rodney Hughes.

Belleville had tuned up for the showdown with the league leader with impressive victories over Wayne Memorial and neighboring Romulus. Tuesday night, the Tigers played Inkster High, a team that has only three victories, but somehow manages to match up with Belleville and split with the Tigers a year ago.

Belleville and Romulus high school hoop fans should take note that the junior varsity and varsity

games scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23 have been rescheduled for Tues., Feb. 9, according to school officials.

The change was necessary due to the fact that Belleville and the Van Buren School District will not hold classes because of the winter break.

Game time remains 5:30 p.m. (junior varsity) and 7 p.m. (varsity).

If you have any questions, please contact the Belleville High School Athletic Department at 734-697-0016.

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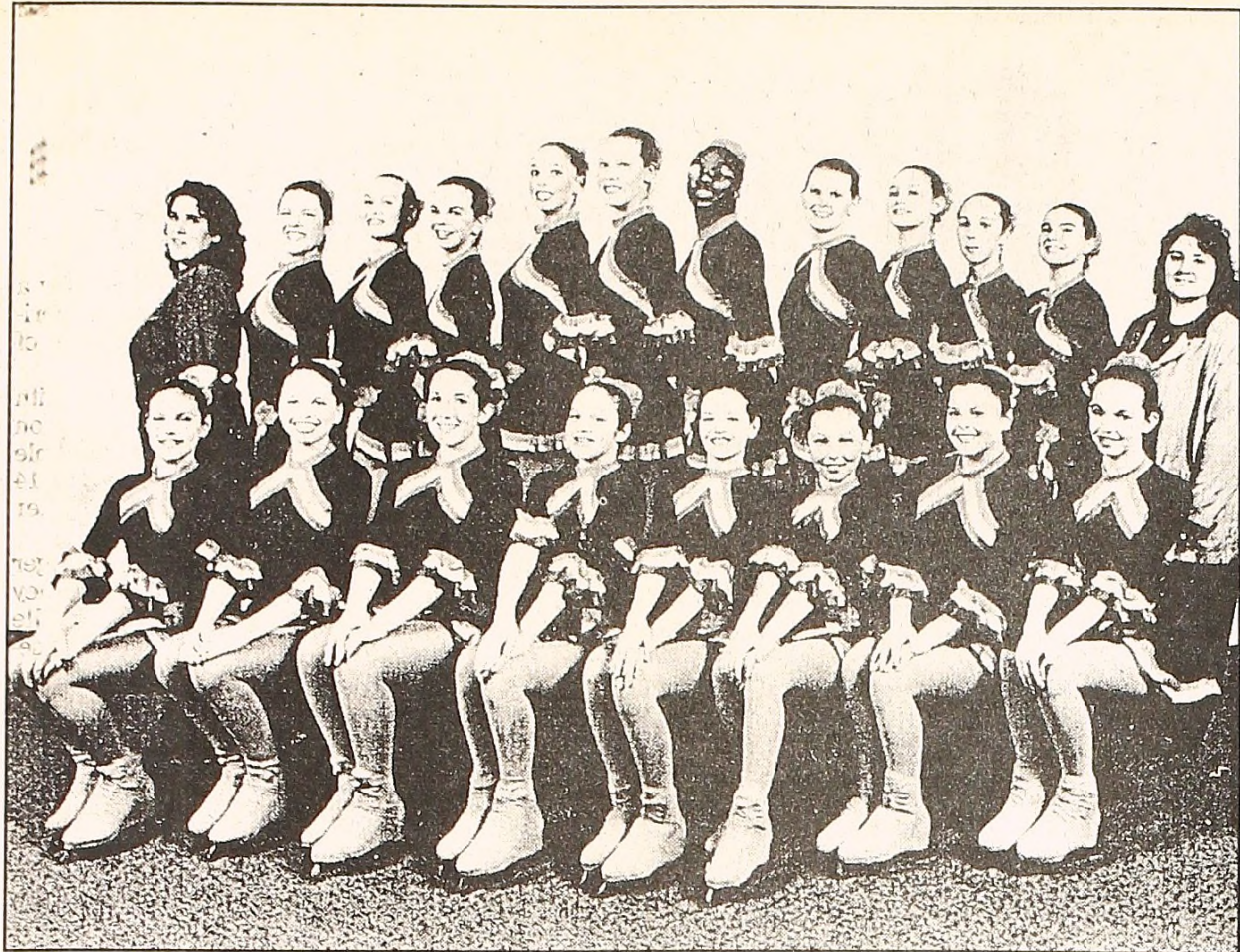
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Looking good on ice are members of the Westland Whirlwinds Junior Classic Team. Team members include, in back row, from left, Nicole Ogden (head coach), Jessica Gutowski, Jennifer Goen, Marie Pacini, Kelly Murzin, Erin Goen, Elaine Davis, Kristy Goen, Stephanie Heincy, Shannon Zeuner, Courtney MacLean, and assistant coach Jackie Hall-Martin; in the front row are Dayna Liptak, Laura Murzin, Jackie Lopez, Nichole Johnson, Melissa Siepierski, Jessica Wasczenski, Brandon Barrios and Nicole Norton.

## Westland Whirlwinds hit with their first setback

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

What ice and competition could not do, fire did.

The Westland Figure Skating Club was hit with an unexpected setback last Friday as fire swept through the home of the team manager. Team dresses dresses went up in flames.

Westland Whirlwinds' team manager Dorothy Johnson said that the family survived the fire, but many of the dresses worn by the young figure skaters did not.

Also destroyed in the blaze were the costumes worn by the Youth Introductory Team. The Junior Classic Team dresses were damaged by smoke and water, and it seems that they will be able to be saved, however, the YIT team dresses are unsalvageable.

*The team is judged against other competitors and the sport has become a national and international sport.*

The two teams were scheduled to leave Westland for Alabama on Tuesday to compete in U.S. Sectional competitions.

According to Whirlwind officials, the Board of Westland Figure Skating Club is working diligently with parents of the teams to come up with a viable solution to the dress problem. Hopefully, dresses may be purchased before the trip.

Officials also note that "what a team wears in competition also plays a vital role in the final score that they receive from the panel of judges.

Westland club officials also point out that precision skating is a fast-paced, high-speed sport that requires intricate footwork and complicated programs that are executed by the athletes on their skates.

The team is judged against other competitors and the sport has become a national and international sport.

The first International Skating Union (ISU) sanctioned World Championship competition for the sport. The world title will be decided in Minneapolis and the event may open the door to place the sport in the Winter Olympic Games.

## Hurting Wayne falls to Ypsilanti, 48-24

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial managed to win six of its matches against a tenacious Ypsilanti, but it wasn't enough as coach Dave Davis's Zebras fell to the Braves 48-24 in a Mega Conference, White Division dual wrestling meet.

Although Wayne may be having

its problems on the mat, its 130-pounder, Melissa Fogarty, isn't. She came out with another stunning victory over her opponent, Mohammed Miner, who she put away, 6-5.

Wayne was also awarded a victory in the 112-pound class when Ypsilanti failed to place an opponent on the mats against Mike

Kassabri.

In the 119-pound class, Wayne's Jon Gregg turned back Brian Schnider in 1:27, while teammate Nate Wensko earned a 11-9 decision over Justin Wiesenel.

Wayne also posted a victory in the 145-pound class where Ken Raupp defeated Jack Garrison, 7-

## WYAA signs up Baseball registration dates are set

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Although most are thinking basketball and hockey these days, the Westland Youth Athletic Association is thinking baseball on these cold and wintry days.

WYAA announced last week that it would like to get a jump on the baseball season by registering

potential players on their regular sign-up days - Wednesday and Saturday.

If you're interested in playing in a spring or summer league, WYAA is interested in talking to you.

Baseball registration will be accepted from 7 to 9 p.m. on

Wednesday and from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday. Registration will be taken at the Lange Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road, north of Ford Road.

Players, or their parents, who need more information are welcomed to telephone the WYAA offices at 734-421-0640.

## Rockets

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increased their lead to 48-30 at the half. Though playing a more

deliberate-style of basketball after the half.

Jones, who soared over the rims to grab three huge rebounds, collected nine of his 14 points in the first period. Foder contributed a game high 16, while

Haygood added 13 and Harris scored 11 for Glenn who was 10 of 23 at the foul line.

Stevenson got 14 points from Hartland Beverly, the only Spartan to reach double figures.

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**CRAFTERS NEEDED** at the 14th annual Spring Arts and Crafts Showcase from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 20 at Madonna University in Livonia. The show will include hand made arts and crafts including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking. For application call 734-432-5603.

**ANNIE TO RETURN** featuring Sally Struthers is slated for a one week engagement at the Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple ave. in Detroit from March 17 to the 21. Struthers plays the part of the crabby orphanage matron, while Brittny Kissinger plays Annie. Tickets range in price from \$19.50 to \$49.50. For more information call 313-832-2232.

**I REMEMBER MAMA** directed by Christopher Bremer will be offered March 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27 at the Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison (near Monroe and Outer Drive). The cast includes seven women, four men, five children and a cat. For more information call Christopher Bremer at 313-561-TKYS.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Conscious contact group meets from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays at the Garden City Hospital, use north entrance, 5254 Inkster road in Garden City. For more information call Woody at 734-776-3415.

**LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP** for western Wayne County meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Towne Square. The next two meetings are Oct. 30 and Nov. 18. For more information call Connie at 734-326-3502.

**WEST SIDE SINGLES** dances are slated from 8 p.m. every Friday at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Admission is \$5 after 8:30 p.m., \$3 before. Those 21 years or older are urged to wear dressy attire (no jeans). Manor is located on Schoolcraft, west of Inkster road. The hotline is 734-981-0909.

**KIDNEY CAR DONATIONS** The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is now accepting used cars, boats, motorcycles and motor homes. Donors should call 1-800-488-CARS to arrange a pick-up date. They also are urged to



### Oakley cited

Retired 34th District Court Judge Henry Zaborowski (right) praises his successor, Brian Oakley, at a special ceremony and celebration at the Doubletree Hotel in Romulus. Oakley expressed hopes that he will do as well as Zaborowski during his tenure on the bench.

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consult their tax advisors for details regarding their specific situations. Funds raised from the vehicle sales are used to aid programs and services for Michigan's kidney patients.

**HEAD START** in Huron/Woodhaven is now accepting applications from low income families. The program is operated out of the Downriver Guidance Clinic on Merriman road in New Boston. Children attending receive healthy meals and snacks, enjoy playing indoors and outdoors in a safe setting. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are served by the Head Start Program. For more information call 734-782-7216.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** free screening takes place from noon until 2 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road in Garden City - between Ford and Warren roads.

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**ANNUAL DINNER AND RAFFLE** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 3921 will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at

35100 Van Born road in Wayne. Dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$100 each and only 100 are to be sold. The grand prize will be \$3,000 with the second prize set at \$500. Other cash prizes will total \$650. For more information call Leo at 734-697-8482 or the council office at 734-728-3020.

**RIVERS COFFEE HOURS** are slated at the Dozier Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt road in Inkster from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 13 and at Bakers Square Restaurant, 36101 Warren road in Westland from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Feb. 15. Constituents are encouraged to ask questions and concerns about what is now happening in Washington. For more information call April Lewis at 734-485-3741.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE JOB FAIR** is slated from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 23 at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen road in Dearborn. The new fair program will include representatives from 20 law enforcement, corrections and private investigations agencies. For more information call Herb Schroeder at 313-845-6437.

**RECIPE FOR LIFE** program for older adults is slated for 10 a.m. Feb. 4 in the Community Room of Columbia Court in Belleville. Register by tomorrow by calling 734-699-6964 and ask for Amy.

**RAILRODIANA** buy and swap toys and trains from noon to 4 p.m. on March 7 at SS. Simon and Jude Church located at 32500 Palmer road in Westland. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family. Call Norm at 595-8327 to register for tables.

**FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOP** featuring networking for your business is offered by MRM Inc. and will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Tindal Recreational Center, 10301 W. 7 Mile. For more information call 313-342-2166.

**COLLECTIBLE AND TOY SHOW** offered by SS. Peter and Paul at Westwood and Sawyer (one block north of Warren) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 6. Cost is \$2 per person - with those age 10 and under free. Hot Wheels, Star Wars, Beanie Babies and other items are offered. For more information call Kay Maczuga at 313-441-6519.

**NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM** registration continues at Belleville campus of the Western Wayne County Community College until Feb. 15. Call 734-699-0200 for more information or to register.

**ROMULUS HEAD START** is now recruiting eligible three and four year old children for its free pre-school program held at the old Beverly School on Beverly road (adjacent to Wayne road) in Romulus. Head Start serves children from low income families, foster children and children with disabilities. For more information call 734-334-1812.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** meetings will be held monthly at the Romulus Public Library...this month at 2 p.m. Feb. 11. Community Police Officer Joseph Richardson will answer questions from the public at the sessions and discuss crime prevention efforts now in operation in Romulus. Contact Richardson at 941-8400 or the Romulus Library for further meeting updates.

**RED CROSS OFFICE MOVES** In Dearborn has moved to the Dearborn Service Center to 23400 Michigan ave., Suite 100 in the Village Plaza in Dearborn. Red Cross service center manager Diane Johnson said the new site provides more classroom area. The phone number remains the same 313-274-5450.

**LAS VEGAS NIGHT** is slated from 6 p.m. to midnight Feb. 6 at St. Theodore's Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne road, Westland. Admission is \$2 and the maximum payout is \$500. Free parking. Beer, food and refreshments are available.

**CROSS COUNTRY SKIING** is now available at Wayne County Parks, including at the Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights and Hines-Park Nankin Mills Area in Westland. For more ski condition information call 734-261-1990. In addition several ice rinks are available at Newburgh Pointe in Westland, Wilcox Lake in Plymouth, Inkster Park in Inkster and Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area in Westland.

**MOM-DAUGHTER CLASSES OFFERED** are slated in Canton soon by St. Joseph Mercy Health System's Women Health Services to help conversational talks improve between mothers and elementary and middle school-age daughters. For more information or to register call 800-231-2211.

**CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** board meeting will be held Feb. 15. For more information call 734-397-0088.

**EAT RIGHT/THINK CLEAN** by Eugene Clark will be offered through Feb. 27 at the Center Galleries, Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design, in Detroit. For more information call Michele Spivak at 313-664-7806.

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA** meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. each second Monday of the month at 9318 Newburgh road (between Joy road and Ann Arbor trail in Canton. All veterans, both male and female, who served from Jan. 1, 1959 to May 7, 1975 are eligible to join regardless of duty station. For more information call Don Dignan at 313-845-3752 or 734-525-0157.

**FREE EYE EXAMS** for low income families will be available in March through a

program called VISION USA. Applicants must be working but have no health insurance that covers eyes. They should be before Jan. 29 the following number: 1-800-766-4466.

**SPORTSFISHING, BOAT AND TRAVEL SHOW** during March 11-14 at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing. On display will be the latest fishing boats, motors, fishing gear and accessories. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information call Showspan Inc. at 616-530-1919.

**FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENTS SOUGHT** two-hour orientation will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 18, 1999 for possible parents for infants, children and teens with severe emotional problems. Orientation will be held at St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's Foster Care and Adoption Building, 29475 Inkster road in Farmington Hills. For more information call 248-626-7527 ext. 3368.

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES** offering two-for-one sales and 50 percent discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, sports, etc are being offered for \$40 by the Plymouth Community Chorus. Books can be delivered throughout western Wayne County. For more information call Stan: at 734-459-6829.

**JOHN GLENN REUNION** for the class of 1989 will be held Oct. 2, 1999 at Roma's in Garden City. Call reunions, made easy at 248-360-9493 press #2.

**FREE LEGAL AID FOR SENIORS** 60 years and older are invited to a free legal aid day at the Information Center Inc.,

the Family Resource Place, 15100 Northline road Suite 175 in Southgate. No appointment necessary, but must be signed in by 10:30 a.m. Feb. 11. Help offered on wills, consumer protection and other civil matters. For more information call 734-282-7171.

**WOMEN HEALTH CONFERENCE** slated from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 13 at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest, 1275 S. Huron st. Cost is \$35 and includes breakfast and lunch. For more information call 734-712-5946.

**UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS LUNCHEON** is slated for 11:30 a.m. April 21 at the Cobo Center-Riverview Ballroom. Outstanding volunteers will be cited. Tickets cost \$20. For more information call 313-226-9410.

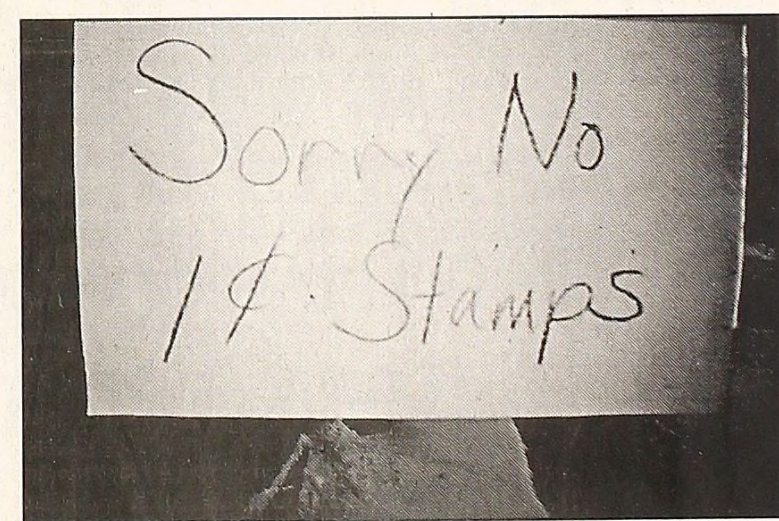
**BLOOD DRIVES** are slated Valentines Day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan ave., Haney Hall. Call 734-699-3195 for appointment. Also American Veterans Hall 171, 1217 Merriman road, Westland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 313-381-7962 for appointments.

**YOUTH ENRICHMENT CLASSES** for children ages four to 16 are offered on Saturdays beginning Feb. 6 at Henry Ford Community College on Evergreen road in Dearborn. Classes include music, arts, theatre and beginning and intermediate judo. Call 313-943-3095 for more information.

**RIVERS COFFEE HOUR** slated for 8:30 a.m. Feb. 16 at the Rivers Edge Cafe, 37005 Huron River drive in New Boston. For more information call April Lewis at 734-485-3741.

**TIGER GAMES** tickets being offered by the Senior Resources Department of Westland. Games are June 4 vs. St. Louis Cardinals, July 8 vs. New York Yankees and Aug. 13 vs. Los Angeles Angels. For more information call 722-7632.

**SPORTS CARD SHOWS** slated at Gibraltar Trade Center Inc., 15525 Racho road in Taylor. Opens noon to 9 p.m. March 5, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 6 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 7. For details call 734-287-2000.



### Licked again

While this sign will never compete with the "Kilroy was here" of the 1940's, it will be remembered by many who began 1999 standing in line at various Post Offices early in January. Photo by Al Post.

## CALENDAR FORM

The Michigan Community Newspapers want to assist you in publicizing your upcoming event. Carefully fill in the following information form and mail it to the Community Calendar, c/o the Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. You may also fax the item to 313-729-6088. Deadline is the Friday before publication. Call 729-4000, ext. 43 for further information.

**Event:**

**Date and time:**

**Location:**

**Telephone:**

**Additional Information:**

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### The ice man

Romulus High School senior Garrett Eves proudly displays his ice sculpture of a Detroit Red Wings symbol at the recent Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Eves took fifth place in the high school/college competition. MCN Special Photo



## People in the news...

**Elizabeth Kleitch**, daughter of Steven and Ann Kleitch of Wayne, has been selected as a finalist in the Michigan's 19th Annual Homecoming Queen Selection this March.

Elizabeth, a Wayne Memorial High School Homecoming Queen, is now seeking the statewide homecoming queen title.

The crowning of the winner will take place during the two day event, March 27-28, at the Holiday Inn South Convention Center in Lansing.

The winner then will enter the national challenge in July in California with queens from across the U.S.

**Geri Schroeder** of Westland became a \$20,000 winner last Friday after being the first caller (a week before) to inform W4 Country (106.7 FM) afternoon host Michael J. Foxx that that he failed to play a guaranteed 20 songs in a row.

When such a mistake is made the radio station awards the first listener to call them a sum of \$20,000.

Schroeder, her husband of 19 years and two high school children are enthusiastic about their win.

She reveals they have already stripped the living room wallpaper in preparation for a remodeling project.

They also plan to pay off some old bills and take a unique family vacation - destination unknown at this time.

One of the station's most avid listeners, Schroeder wakes up every morning to the antics of W4 Country's Welch and Woody and falls asleep every night with Cadillac Jack's request show.

She rarely takes part in the station's contests, but on Jan. 21 felt compelled to try. Her son thought it was a wasted effort, but Schroeder continued for 10 minutes and finally reached Foxx, who informed her she was a winner.

**Stacy M. Jolly**, a Wayne sophomore planning a major in mathematics and Spanish, and **Adam M. Goyt**, a Westland freshman planning a major in German and mathematics, were named to the fall semester's Dean's List at Adrian College.

Jolly is a 1997 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and the daughter of Bruce and Linda Jolly of Wayne.

Goyt is a 1998 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and is the son of Matthew and Roberta Goyt of Westland.

**Casey Brooks Russell** of Belleville and **Jason Anthony Croy** of Canton have been named at the Oklahoma State University.

**Christopher Machnacki** of Canton's Plymouth-Salem High School and **Andrew Oleszkowicz** of Plymouth's Plymouth-Canton High School have been named to the Alma College dean's list.

Marine Cpl. **Ronald K. Cullen**, whose wife Tiffany, is the daughter of Mark and Roxanne Smith of Canton, recently re-enlisted for four years, while serving with the Second Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He is a 1994 graduate of Salem High School of Plymouth and joined the Marines in December 1994.

Cullen also is the son of Susan Dinuzzo and Ronald E. Cullen of Westland.

Marine 1st Lt. **Grayson T. Story**, a 1992 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He joined the Marine Corps in December 1998. Story also is a 1996 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, with a B.S. degree.

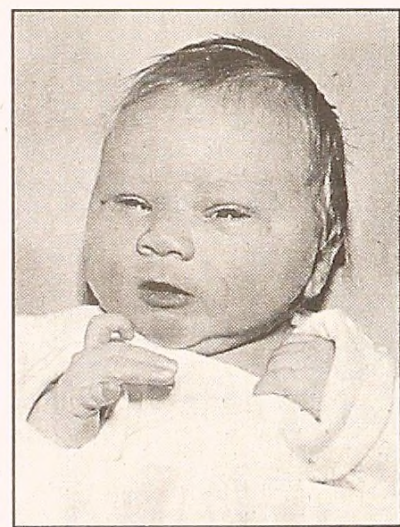
**Loretta Ann Carpenter** and **Dorcelle McNair** of Belleville have been named to the Dean's List at the Detroit College of Business.

**Alexis Ann Sprankle**, daughter of David Sprankle and Sylvia Cronk of Inkster, was born Dec. 23, 1998 at Garden City Hospital's Birthing Center.

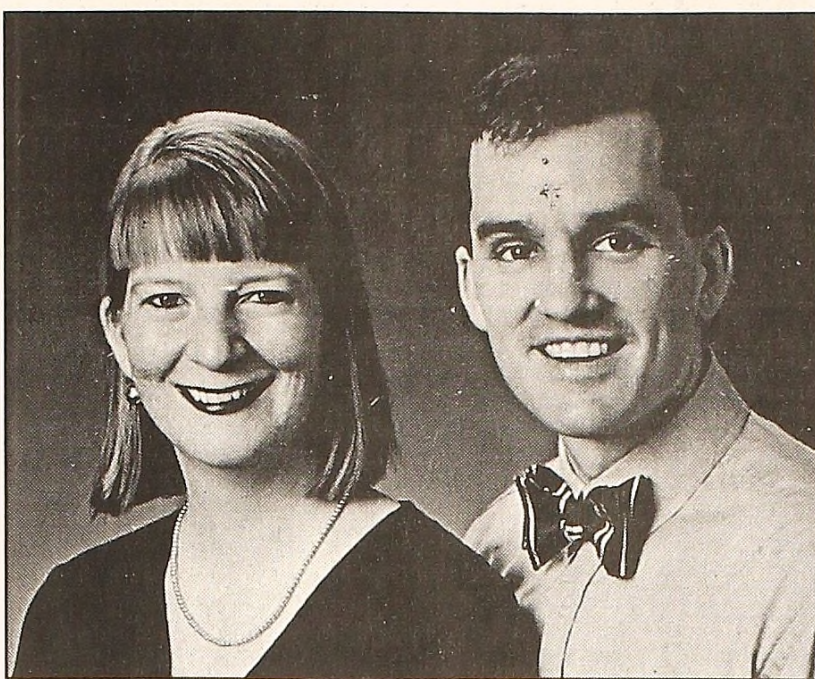
She weighed seven pounds and seven ounces at birth and measured 20 and 1/2 inches.

Her siblings include: Shalynn, Lisa and Sarah.

Her grandparents include: Ann Cronk of Inkster and Delbert and Jeanette Sprankle of Detroit.



Alexis Sprankle



Stephanie Anne Schechner and Brian M. Norton

## Norton, Schechner are engaged to wed

Stephanie Ann Schechner, daughter of Carla and Robert Schechner of Morristown, N.J. has become engaged to Brian M. Norton. A June wedding is planned.

Norton is the son of Karen and Patrick Norton of Wayne.

The bride to be is a graduate of Amherst College and received a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

She is an assistant professor of French at Murray State University of Murray, Ky.

Norton graduated from the University of Michigan and received his MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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He is a finance manager at Atlantic Express of Missouri in St. Louis.

## 5 Romulus High students win ice sculptor prizes

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Five Romulus High School students won top prizes in their high school/college division last month at the Plymouth International Ice Sculptor Spectacular.

The listed winners were: **Jennifer Slater**, 12th grader, who won fourth place with a carved artoc seal; **Garett Eves**, 12th grader, won fifth place with a carved Red Wing emblem; **Pierre Stewart**, ninth grader with a seventh place win with his "Wu-Tang" carving; **Jason Kizer**, a 12th grader, carved an eighth place guitar sculpture; and **Bernard Randall**, a 10th grader, who took 10th place with a carved English letter "H."

## Westland sailor makes port call to China...

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Petty Officer First Class **Alan G. Tardif** of Westland participated in an event that would have been unthinkable three decades ago -- that is visiting the Chinese port of Shanghai aboard a guided missile frigate.

Tardif, 41, son of Virginia Tardif of Westland, believes it is an honor to be part of this historic visit sponsored by the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

"I feel special that I had the opportunity to experience the visit to China."

"There is always something to be learned from a different culture," Tardif said.

The 15-year veteran serving aboard USS Vandegrift, expressed surprise at the size of Shanghai and Beijing...saying they are "much bigger than I imagined."

Tardif's 3,600 ton vessel is small compared to a cruiser and is home ported in

Yokosuka, Japan -- 35 miles south of Tokyo.

He proudly said "the (Chinese) people are very inquisitive and were interested how China compared to the U.S. in climate, terrain and customs."

Chinese natives stared a lot at U.S. sailors since their complexions and hair color and styles were different to them, Tardif added.

Calling the visit -- one of the top benefits of serving with the U.S. Navy -- Tardif said "What I liked about Beijing was the Great Wall. This is a structure that has withstood the forces of nature and man for more than 2,000 years."

The naval visit is part of a new trend in U.S./Chinese relations. Last year several U.S. Naval vessels visited Shanghai and Qingdao following an earlier visit to San Diego by three Chinese vessels.

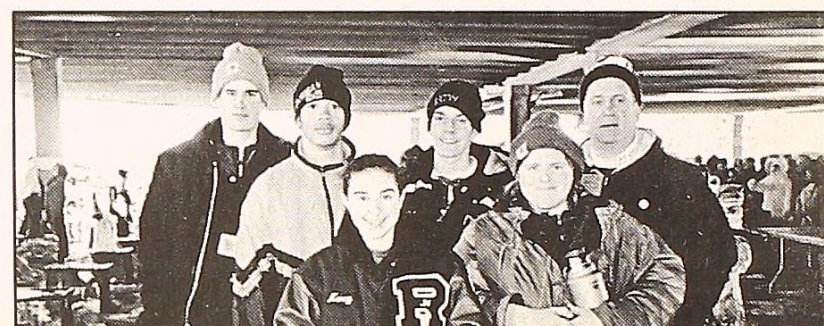
The Chinese visit was the first to the U.S. in recent history.

Also taking part was the group's motivator -- culinary arts instructor **Chuck Usztics** -- who carved a bug's life and **Nancy Whitmore**, a 10th grader, who assisted others.

Students planned their carvings weeks in advance of being given the 370 pound ice

chunks to carve into.

In total 15 students from five different high schools took part from noon to 3:30 p.m. Participants said the day was frigid, despite bright sunshine out of doors causing some puddles to develop on the floor of the open sided building.

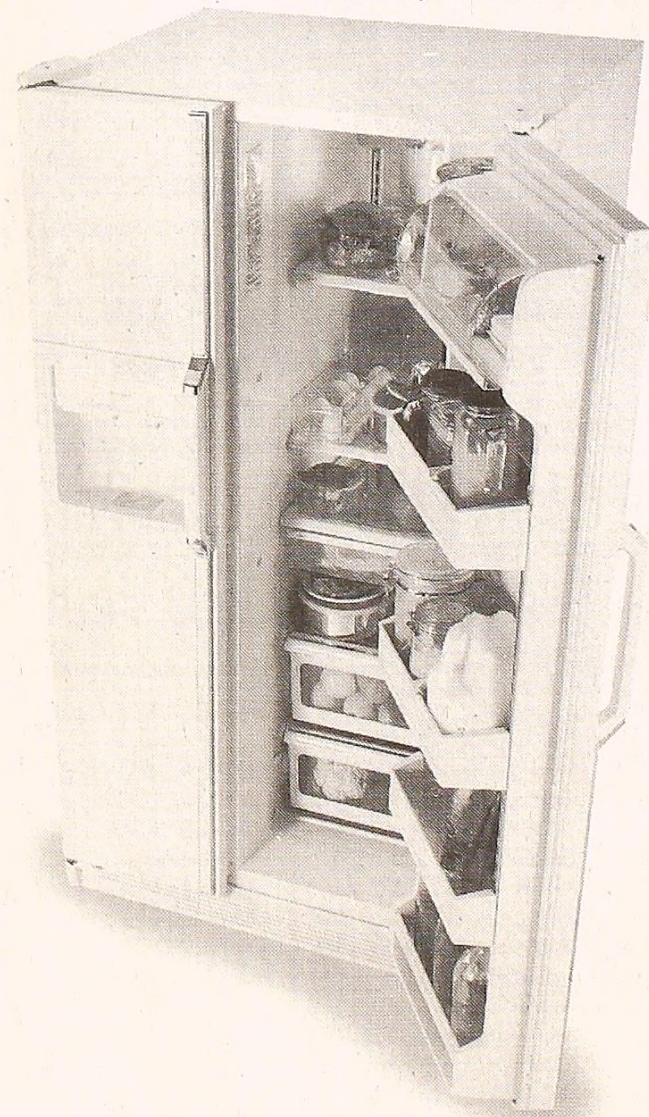


The Romulus participants at the recent ice sculptor show include: (from left) Garett Eves, Pierre Stewart, Jason Kizer, Chuck Usztics, Nancy Whitmore and Jennifer Slater. MCN Special Photo

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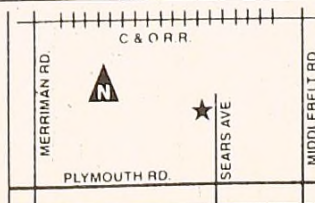
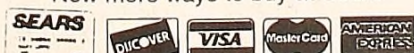
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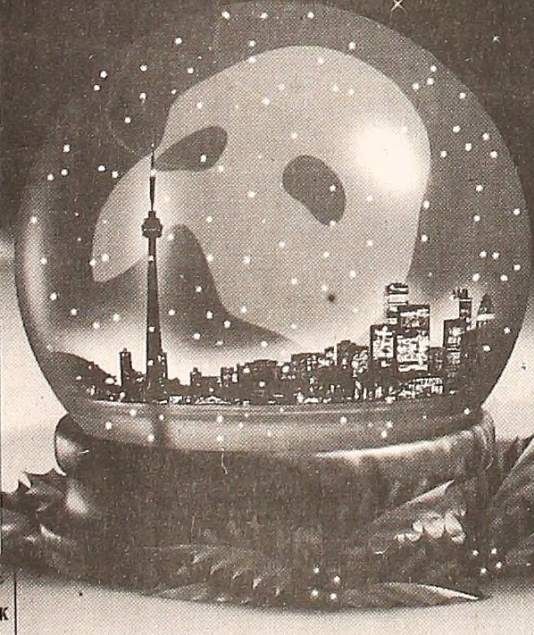
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## Silverado is fun, family friendly

By SYBILLE MARR  
MCN Special Writer

This is a landmark year for Chevrolet. This is the first year in a long time that the full sized Chevy pickup has carried the Silverado name.

Not only has Chevrolet given back the name, but its given some goodies to persuade customers to take it for a test drive or better yet take it home.

Chevy put a new Vortec V8 engine. With 200 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft. of torque. With so much power this is not your grandpa's truck anymore.

It also features a gear driven balance shaft for smoother performance. Also it includes sequential fuel injection which provides precise fuel delivery for optimal efficiency.

A great point with the Vortec is its a low maintenance engine. The Vortec has platinum tip spark plugs which can go up to 100,000 miles before the first scheduled tune up. A perfect plus for the pocket book.

Available now with the Silverado is Autotrac four wheel drive. Its not all wheel drive, but more like a standby four wheel drive.

The Autotrac system is capable of turning on the four wheel drive without any say so

from the driver.

Autotrac provides rear wheel drive until road conditions change. It also has a transfer case neutral position for easy towing behind a recreational vehicle. A great addition for all of us R.V.ers.

Another great move by Chevy for us wilderness lovers was the addition of an engine hour meter. It monitors the engine usage by time. That makes the engine service base itself on engine hours rather than miles. Marvelous for vehicles that do a lot of idling.

You can't talk about a vehicle without including a low down on the sound system. On the LS and LT models they have included a built in compact disc player, standard, rather than a tape deck.

Its not a Bose system, but it does pump out some great sound. You can jam with the best of them.

With the extended cab becoming more of a family buy than the normal family cars of the past the Silverado gives the kids in the back seat a safe and friendly drive. They have thrown in some safety options that will help you keep them safe on your journeys.

It comes with a 4 wheel anti

lock brake system, standard day running lamps for better visibility, brighter headlamps for better lumination during night driving, rear outboard safety belts in extended cabs for smaller passengers, and a crush zone design in the front and rear to absorb energy during a crash for less impact on you and your loved ones.

The newly designed interior features bring lots of inside room. There is so much headroom in the cab of this truck that you could hit every bump from I-275 to I-94 without hitting your head. Excellent for the Michigan thaws.

The looks of this newly designed outside is a breath of fresh air. Ever since Dodge redesigned the Ram it seems everyone has been rushing to copy the look, but not Chevy. They stuck with their own look. The curves look a lot smoother than a couple years ago. This gives it a little more on the aerodynamics end. Saves you on gas and saves you on the engine, not to mention saves you money.

Chevrolet has hit it big with this redesigned heavy. It may even give the F-150 a run for its money here in Ford country. A must test drive for the truck enthusiast.



1999 Chevy Silverado

## Police question suspects about Burger King theft

Van Buren police are questioning about six people to find out what happened to a night deposit from the Belleville Burger King.

According to Det. Sgt. Greg Laurain, the department received a call Tuesday morning from the restaurant's morning manager, informing them that the deposit from the previous night's shift was missing.

The manager called the

night manager, who would have been responsible for the cash, and she said she had put the money in the safe.

The day manager searched the office and the safe, and called NBD Bank to make sure the deposit bag had not already been dropped off.

But the sum—nearly \$1,700—has not yet been recovered. The incident is still under investigation.

## College trustees elected

During its organizational meeting this month, Wayne County Community College District Board of Trustees elected its officers for the 1999 year: Ted Scott, District 9, chairperson; Frank Hayden,

District 8, treasurer. Other board members include Denise Wellons-Glover, District 5; Juanita Ford, District 3; Larry Lewis, District 6; Edward Clemente, District 7; and Myron Wahls Jr., District 4. In November, Lewis and Clemente were reelected to serve a six-year term beginning January 1, 1999, and Wahls was newly elected to serve a six-year term, also beginning January 1, 1999.

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Starting in 1995, Wayne County's legal staff of 35 attorneys and paralegals, directed by Jennifer Granholm (Michigan's Attorney General-Elect), made it a standard practice to file motions to dismiss cases as soon as they were filed against the County. This ensured that

only legitimate, substantiated cases made it through the system. The County handles about 2,000 cases annually.

"We have been defending lawsuits as though we are fighting for our own pocketbook," noted Granholm, who credits the County's litigation chief, Robert Gazall, with leading the charge, "and we refused to settle claims where there was no liability on the

County's part. Those steps combined have dramatically cut the amount of money paid out."

The Corporation Counsel office has also taken steps to anticipate and prevent lawsuits. Efforts such as tracking liability payments and giving recognition to lawyers who win cases have proven to be effective in trimming costs.

### Belleville elects business leader

At its December meeting, the Belleville Central Business Community elected the following people to lead the organization in 1999:

President: Dan Martin, Belleville Area Independent  
Vice President: Barbara Danna, Barb's Gift Shoppe

Treasurer: Bob Stoner, Stoner & Associates  
Secretary: Diane Wilson, Belleville Museum

Directors: Madelyn Pellegrini, Styling Center; Janet Millard, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce; Toby Leis, C.A.L. Plumbing



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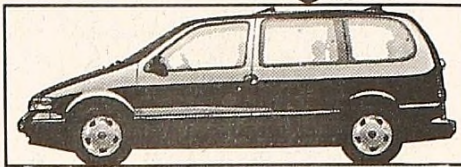
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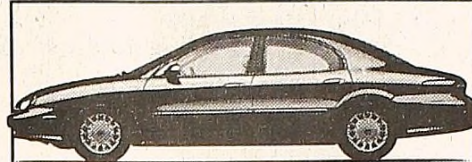
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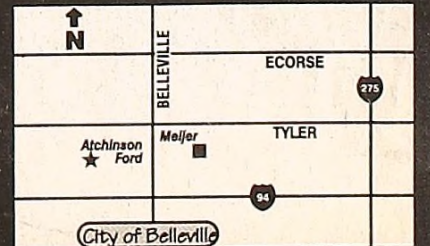
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**AUSTIN, HAROLD L.**  
Age 54 of Inkster, passed away Dec. 4, 1998. Dear son of Haret and Lula Austin and father of Terry. Also survived by 2 sisters, 3 brothers, 8 nieces and 9 nephews. Services were held Dec. 8 at Penn Funeral Home in Inkster with interment at Westlawn Cemetery.

**BIRD, JOSEPH F.**  
Beloved husband of Alicia Bird of Wayne, passed away Jan. 27, 1999. Dear father of Joseph (Laura), Thomas, Peggy (Richard) Bauer and Lee Ann Bird. Dear brother of Carolyn Laarman and Lucy Waco. Also survived by 5 grandchildren. Memorial services were held Jan. 30 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, MI. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia with full military honors.

**BRINTLEY, BRENDA KAY**  
Age 41 of Inkster, passed away Dec. 7, 1998. Services were held Dec. 12 at the Greater Hayes Temple with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

**CASEY, BRANDON LOUIS**  
Age 16 of Inkster, passed away Jan. 18, 1999. Brandon was an Inkster High School student and a JV Basketball player for the school. Condolences may be sent to Ms. Karen Casey, c/o Penn Funeral Home in Inkster. Services were held Jan. 25.

**CLARK, IRENE SPRINGER**  
Age 92 of Inkster, passed away Nov. 28, 1998. Dear mother of Helen, Joyce, Rosemary, George, Bernice and Kathleen. Also survived by 28 grandchil-

dren, 56 great grandchildren and 26 great great grandchildren. Services were held Dec. 4, 1998 at Penn Funeral Home in Inkster with interment at Westlawn Cemetery.

**COCHENOUR, GRACE ALBERTA ANNABELLE**  
Age 83 of New Boston, passed away Jan. 24, 1999. Dear mother of Charles (Alice), Majel (Dennis) McAbee, Helen (Robert) Keith, Patricia Quarrels, Richard (Arlene), Arvella Jean (Russell) Reagan, Donald (Rhonda), Sharon (Larry) Blake, Michael (Karen), Walter (Patricia), Nellie Cochénour and John. Also survived by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Virgil and a son, Wilbur. Services were held Jan. 27 at the Grace Baptist Church of Belleville. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

**COCKRUM, HAROLD**  
Age 63 of Westland, passed away Jan. 21, 1999. Beloved husband of Carol. Dear father of Margaret (Robert) Krauss, Kelly (Christopher) Bachus, Lisa (John) Baker and Elizabeth (Steve) Hawley. Also survived by 2 brothers, 4 sisters and 14 grand children. Preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother. Services were held Jan. 23 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

**COFFELT, MARTHA R.**  
Age 83 of Sterling Hgts., MI (formerly of Belleville), passed away Jan. 23, 1999. Beloved wife of Richard M. Coffelt. Dear mother of Stephen R. (Judith) and Paul E. (Saundra). Also survived by 2 sisters

and 4 grandchildren; Mark R., Josh L., Joseph C., and John D. Services were held Jan. 27 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with entombment at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, MI.

**CRAMER, BETTY JEAN**  
Age 69 of Westland, passed away Jan. 24, 1999. Dear mother of Tina M. (Doug) McClain and Phillip T. Also survived by 1 sister and 1 brother. Services were held Jan. 27 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

**CUNNINGHAM, CYNTHIA ANN**  
Age 45 of Westland, passed away Jan. 25, 1999. Dear mother of Melissa Ann Cunningham. Services were held Jan. 29 at St. Thomas a'Beckett Catholic Church with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

**GARRETT, RICHARD F.**  
Age 65 of Canton, passed away Jan. 24, 1999. Dear companion of Vi Monroe and father of Keith, Richard, Raymond, Gary, Leola and Diane. Also survived by 1 sister and 8 grandchildren. Services were held Jan. 29 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Cremation rites were accorded.

**HARGRESS, LILLIE RUTH**  
Age 47 of Wayne, passed away Dec. 7, 1998. She leaves to mourn her loss, her dear friend Russell, 3 sons Jerome, Ernest and Antoine. Also survived by her parents Annie Ruth and Clarence, 9 grandchildren, 6 brothers, 3 sisters and many friends. Services were held Dec. 12 at The Beverly House of God with interment at Glenn Eden Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

**HEINTZ, GERTRUDE L.**  
Age 93 of Northville, passed away Jan. 23, 1999. Dear mother of Doris Hardesty and Harold Heintz. Also survived by granddaughter Ruth Alexander, grandson Kenneth Hardesty, and 5 great grandsons. Services were held Jan. 25 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with interment at Lapham Cemetery in Plymouth.

**KEE, WILHELMINA**  
Age 94 of Ft. Pierce, Fla., passed away Dec. 27, 1998. Dear mother of Norman (Jean). Also survived by grandson David and 3 great grandchildren. Grave side services were held Dec. 31 at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

**KURGIN, RICHARD CHARLES**  
Age 60 of Inkster, passed away Jan. 26, 1999. Dear father of Jill Schuchard, Jackie Webb, Karen Gimotty, Donald Gimotty and Christopher Kurgin. Also survived by 3 sisters, 1 brother and 5 grandchildren. Services were held Jan. 28 at St. David Episcopal Church in Garden City, MI. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

**LEWIS, JOHNNIE MAE**  
Age 82 of Taylor, passed away Dec. 10, 1998. She leaves behind Mrs. Isabelle Gray and a host of family and friends. Interment at Restlawn Memorial Park in Jacksonville, FL. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

**MAKI, LAURI A.**  
Age 76 of Warren, passed away Jan. 23, 1999. Survived by her step-son Ronald W. Hartman. Chapel services were held at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

**MERLIN, DONNA M.**  
Age 71 of Plymouth, passed away Jan. 19, 1999. Beloved wife of Walter T. Merlin. Dear mother of Judy I. (James) LeForge and Andres (Karia). Also survived by 2 brothers, 1 sister and 2 grandsons. Services were held Jan. 22 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with interment at Oak Grove East Cemetery in Chelsea, MI.

**MILLS, SANDRA L.**  
Age 53 of Detroit, MI, passed away Jan. 21, 1999. Dear mother of Steve M., Richard D. (Lynn), and Heidi L. Mills. Other survivors include 3 brothers, and 2 grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents Mr. Mason & Dorothy (Needham) Mason. Services were held Jan. 22 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville. Cremation rites were accorded. Donations to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation appreciated.

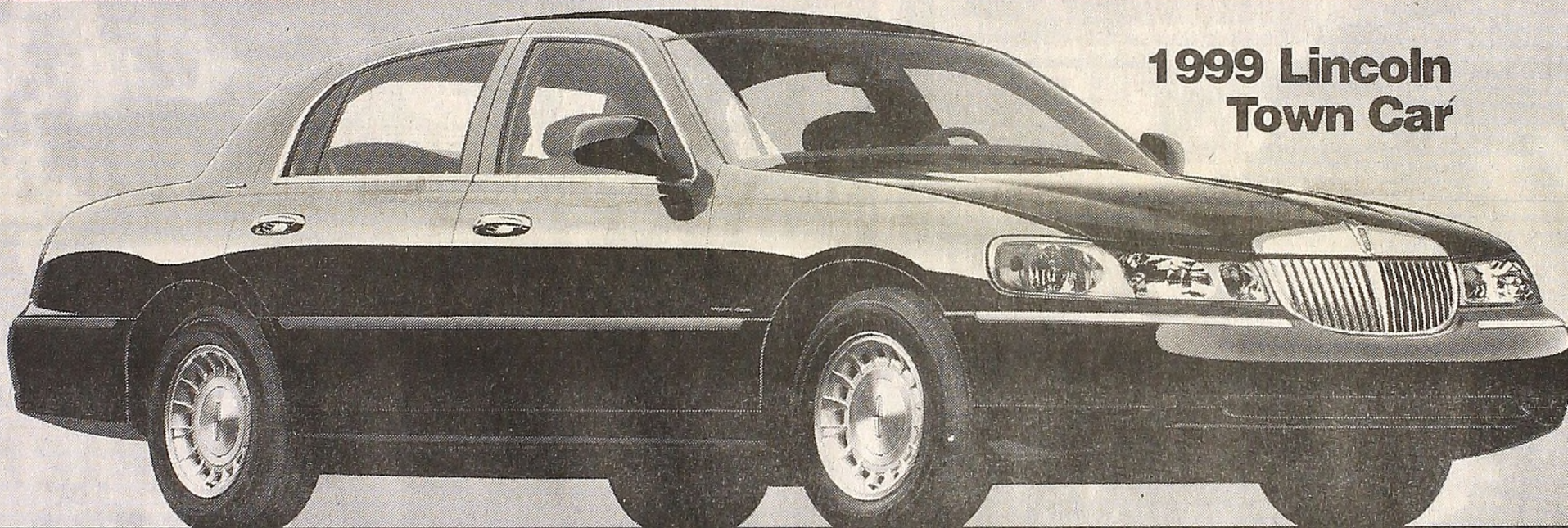
**MORRIS, DOROTHY MAY**  
Age 70 of Romulus, passed away Jan. 14, 1999. Beloved wife of James L. Morris, Sr. Dear mother of James L., Jr., Jeffrey and Jerel. Also survived by 2 sisters, 1 brother, 9 grandchildren and many great and great great grandchildren. Preceded in death by daughter Jacquelyn and son Jerry. Services were held Jan. 19 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

**NELSON, SHAWN ROBERT**  
Age 37 of Canton, passed away Jan. 19, 1999. Beloved husband of Katherine. Also survived by his mother Phyllis Wright, sister Kim Tatman and brothers Dale and Marc. Preceded in death by his father Don. Services were held Jan. 22 at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

**NEVIN, GORDON "TOM"**  
Age 42 of Chelsea, MI, formerly of Wayne, died Jan. 27, 1999 due to an auto accident. He was born on Aug. 4, 1956 in Detroit, the son of Gordon G. & Lucille (Smith) Nevin. Tom moved from Wayne to Chelsea three months ago. He was a Mechanical Engineer for Great Lakes Steel in Ecorse. He was active in Wayne/Westland Hockey, and collected Civil War Memorabilia. He had recently joined Preservation Chelsea. On July 30, 1983, he married Mary K. Harrison in Pinckney and she survives. Other survivors include his parents of Marine City, MI; two sisters, Suzanne (Stephen) VanOoteghem of Bangkok, Thailand, Linda (Dave) Pester of Pinckney; 3 nieces; and 1 nephew. The family received friends at the Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea, MI., on Jan. 31. Memorial contributions may be made to: Friends of the National Park of Gettysburg.

**PAGEL, FREDERICK EDWARD**  
Age 62 of Westland, passed away Jan. 27, 1999. Beloved husband of Gail Pagel. Dear father of Freddie Stiers, Doug Hovey, Terry (Michael) Cuddy and Cindy Hovey. Also survived by 6 sisters, 1 brother and 3 grandchildren. Services were held Jan. 29 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

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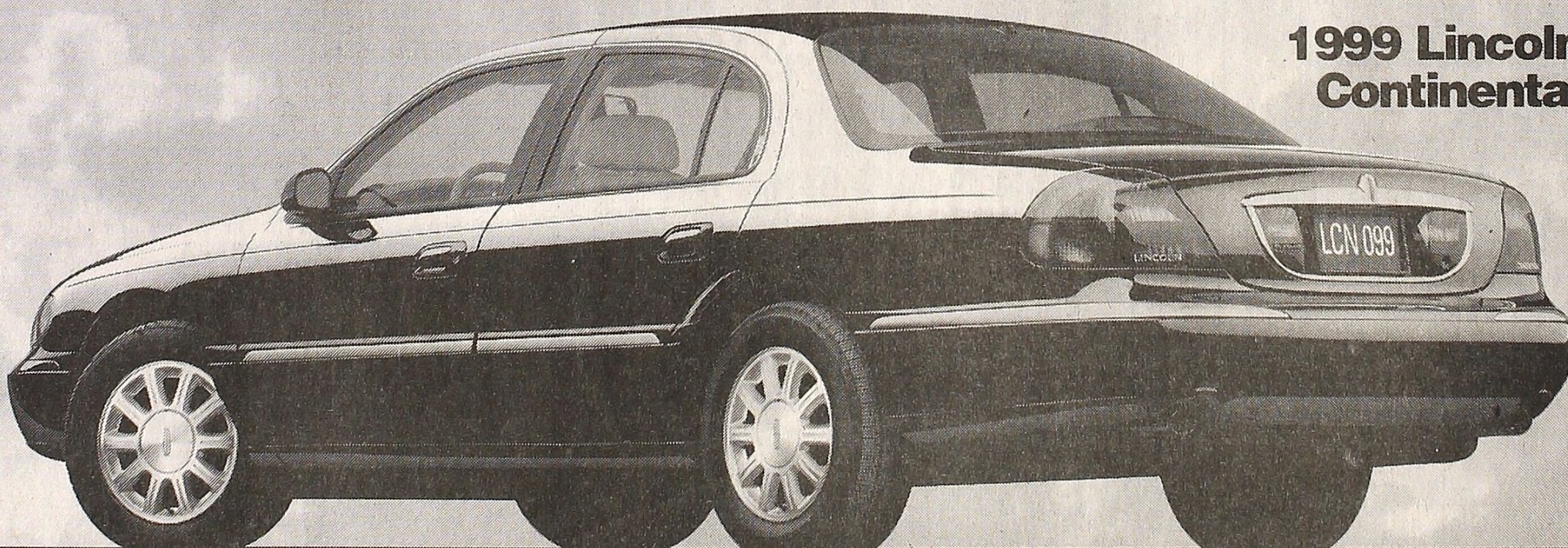


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